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SUBJECT: U.S.-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: JOINT COMMISSION

MEETING: VISIT OF PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE ADVISER

FRANK PRESS TO THE USSR

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1. SCICOUNS PASSED CONTENTS OF REFTEL TO AYKAZYAN OF SCST ON JULY 3. AYKAZYAN URGENTLY REQUESTED INFORMATION ON WHETHER THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE S&T JCM WILL ARRIVE WITH PREPURCHASED TICKETS FOR INTERNAL FLIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION ACCORDING TO TRAVEL SCHEDULE SET FORTH IN REFTEL OR WHETHER THE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE WITH OPEN TICKETS, IN WHICH CASE THE SOVIETS WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY RESERVATIONS. SOVIETS NOTED THAT ALL INTERNAL TRAVEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THAT U.S. DELEGATION CAN TRAVEL TOGETHER ON REQUESTED FLIGHTS.

2. SOVIETS ALSO URGENTLY REQUESTED INFORMATION
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ABOUT PREFERENCES OF U.S. DELEGATION FOR HOTEL ROOMS. SOVIETS CONFIRMED THAT U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE STAYING AT HOTEL SOVETSKAYA, WHERE ROOM RATES ARE IN THE FOLLOWING RANGE: SINGLE -- 25-30 RUBLES, DOUBLE -- 50-60 RUBLES, DELUXE -- 70-110 RUBLES. IN THIS CONNECTION, SCICOUNS NOTED POSSIBILITY THAT, DUE TO ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR FROM MOSCOW, DR. PRESS

MAY NOT WISH TO STAY AT SPASO HOUSE. IN THIS CASE, SOVIETS INDICATED, PRESS WILL STAY AT THE SOVETSKAYA WITH THE REST OF THE DELEGATION.

3. SOVIETS NOTED THAT PROGRAM REQUESTED BY BARUCH REQUIRES LARGE AMOUNT OF TRAVELLING TIME. SOVIETS ALSO NOTED THAT THEY CAN PAY THE CUSTOMARY RESERVATION CHARGES (THE SO-CALLED "BRON" WHICH USUALLY EQUALS ONE DAY'S ROOM CHARGE) FOR ONE ARRIVAL IN EACH CITY VISITED. HOWEVER, SINCE BARUCH'S SCHEDULE AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL WOULD REQUIRE HIM TO DEPART AND RETURN TO MOSCOW THREE TIMES, SCST IS ONLY WILLING TO COVER INITIAL "BRON." SCST SUGGESTS THAT BARUCH REVISE HIS SCHEDULE TO PERMIT HIM AND HIS WIFE TO TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD WITH PRESS PARTY AND STAY IN LENINGRAD ONE EXTRA DAY; LEAVING THE USSR FROM LENINGRAD ON JULY 23. IF BARUCH WISHES TO ADHERE TO SCHEDULE IN REFTEL, SOVIETS SUGGEST IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM TO RETAIN ROOM IN MOSCOW DURING HIS OVERNIGHT TRIPS TO NOVOSIBIRSK AND LENINGRAD. SOVIETS ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT BARUCH DESIRES FOR VISITS IN MOSCOW, NOVOSIBIRSK AND LENINGRAD.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF MRS. BARUCH HAS ANY SPECIAL PROGRAM DESIRES FOR MOSCOW. TOON

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